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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Please Save the Bridge to Broadband!

Competitive broadband is crucial to us, and we love our competitive provider, Sonic. It is VERY important to us that we continue to be able to do that without a change in the quality of our service.

Please do Not cut off competitive access, limiting our ability to choose Sonic.

The claim that residential consumers like me will not be affected is not true. The claim that there are no carriers who use unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential marketplace - is not true, Sonic does.

USTelecoms claim is false. Sonic residential subscribers like us do exist, and we will be "Materially Affected". In fact, those effects would be profound. Our provider reports that continued access to UNE services is a key part of their business model for deployment: to provide innovative services for customers with fast, DSL technology, while deploying fiber for more and more members.

Please don't take that away from us.

One third of Sonic's customers are using their fiber service, but without continued access to copper lines, Sonic wont be able to compete on an even footing.

A competitive market ensures that consumers like us will have access to better prices and maintain the Freedom to choose the carrier we want. Incumbent carriers want to change that, and Limit our access to choose the best possible service at the best possible price (like Sonic). This also means Sonic would be limited in their ability to deploy more fiber; essentially, they would be hindered from providing customers like me with good usable service.

I would choose Sonic Every time over another provider.
Please Do Not let this be the end of local competitive carrier!!!!!!
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